



Montgomery County Council

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Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Commission on Redistricting *Deadline Extended to Monday, November 9 at 5 p.m.*

ROCKVILLE, Md., October 26, 2020—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for the County's 11-member Commission on Redistricting. The positions must be filled by February 1, 2021. The deadline to apply for consideration is 5 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020.

The Montgomery County Charter currently states that the County shall be divided into five Council districts for the purpose of nominating and electing five members of the Council. Each district shall be compact in form and be composed of adjoining territory. Ballot Questions in the upcoming election could change the number of Council Districts. The new districts will be in effect for the 2022 Council election.

The Charter requires that the Council shall appoint a Commission on Redistricting. The Commission shall be composed of 11 registered voters who reside in the County. The Commission shall include at least one but no more than four members of each political party which polled at least 15% of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Council in the last preceding regular election and include at least one member of the Commission who resides in each Council district. As a result of the 2018 General Election, there are two parties recognized by the State of Maryland: Democratic Party and Republican Party. The Commission shall, at its first meeting, select one of its members to serve as its chair. No person who holds any elected office shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission.

By November 15, 2021, the Commission shall present a plan of Council districts, together with a report explaining the plan to the Council. Within 30 days after receiving the plan, the Council shall hold a public hearing on it. If within 90 days after presentation of the Commission's plan no other law re-establishing the boundaries of the Council districts has been enacted, then the plan, as submitted, shall become law.

Letters expressing interest, along with a resume no longer than 4 pages in length, in a position on the Commission on Redistricting must be emailed to

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County.Council@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov or received in the Office of the Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, 4thFloor, Rockville, MD 20850, no later than 5 p.m., Monday, November 9, 2020. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline.

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